

28 November 1979

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

Staff Meeting Minutes of 28 November 1979

The Director chaired the meeting. []

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McMahon reported briefly on the following:

- Cancellation of Weissman's (close friend of Philip Agee) trip to Iran. Weissman had planned to accompany a British television crew to film the U.S. hostages.
- Guyana's Prime Minister Burnham has ordered his Ambassador in Havana to ask Castro to issue a demarche, as leader of the Non-Aligned Movement, on Iran's disregard for international law; reportedly, Castro has agreed.

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- Reporting from Sana that YAR troops continue to move closer to the Saudi border. A brief discussion followed on YAR intentions.

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[] reported House/Senate Conference on the intelligence portion of the Defense Appropriation will not resume until 4 December. The Director asked if there is anything in this regard that should have his particular attention. [] said the memo forwarded today by Hitz to the Director re Senator Durenberger's visit identifies some broad areas of particular interest to Congressional members, e.g., Senator Durenberger's concern that diversification of intelligence resources for SALT II monitoring may be creating gaps in our resource capability to deal with intelligence problems elsewhere. []

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Wortman reported on an assessment by Gambino of access vulnerabilities at the Headquarters Building, [] in the event of student/terrorist group attempts at entry. Discussion followed on Gambino's proposal for remedies which might be taken; it was noted, however, that many of these are deemed inadequate in the event of a surprise attempt at mass entry. []

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Zellmer reported on his and Hitz's meeting with Senator Glenn this morning, noting the Senator is becoming more confident in our capabilities for monitoring SALT II. Zellmer said Senator Glenn wants to discuss with the President, however, before he puts his "name on the line." [REDACTED]

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In response to a query from the Director, Proctor explained the current NFIP budget situation at [REDACTED]. Proctor said he sees no particular problem in negotiations with DoD re NFIP vs IRA transfers and noted the [REDACTED] level appears not to be firm at this time. Discussion followed on how we should prepare for Congressional Committees in this regard. Proctor reported that, in [REDACTED] meeting with OMB Director McIntyre, McIntyre indicated he was unhappy with work by his staff in arriving at the [REDACTED] figure. The Director asked that he be kept closely advised on this as he prepares to meet with members of Congress. [REDACTED]

The Director asked [REDACTED] how the Agency fares at the [REDACTED] level. [REDACTED] explained what he termed "capricious" cuts by OMB, mainly in [REDACTED] and in personnel funding; he noted the CIAP will have [REDACTED] less purchasing power than in 1980. [REDACTED]

Noting preoccupation with the situation in Iran, the Director asked Clarke to keep a watchful eye on happenings elsewhere in the world and asked attendees to bring to his or Mr. Carlucci's attention any items of importance which may be facing neglect because of focus on Iran. [REDACTED]

The Director commented briefly on the President's planned press conference tonight. He provided feedback on his meeting yesterday with the President and noted the President and senior advisers are making good use of intelligence products. The Director expressed his appreciation to all who have put forth a great effort in supporting him in this regard. [REDACTED]

The Director opined that the United Nations Security Council session could be very difficult for us re Iranian efforts to use their so-called evidence of U.S. spying. Relatedly, [REDACTED] noted Congressional Oversight Committees have not yet been briefed on the damage assessment, and we should brief them before the UN session gets underway. Mr. Carlucci advised, however, that this be done no sooner than Friday if possible. The Director instructed that points to be emphasized for the attention of Committee Chairmen be coordinated with [REDACTED] and that he be advised. [REDACTED]

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